CLAIMS

- 1. A library of polynucleotides, the library comprising the sequence information of at least one of SEQ ID NO:1-3351.
- 2. The library of claim 1, wherein the library is provided on a nucleic acid array.
- 3. The library of claim 1, wherein the library is provided in a computer-readable format.
- The library of claim 1, wherein the library comprises a 4. polynucleotide corresponding to a gene differentially expressed in a cancer cell of high metastatic potential relative to a control cell, wherein the control cell is a normal cell or a cell of low metastatic potential, wherein the expression is greater in the metastatic tissue, and wherein the sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:14, 137, 151, 152, 171, 200, 254, 262, 271, 348, 412, 472, 507, 520, 530, 588, 623, 637, 660, 678, 680, 700, 714, 774, 812, 834, 901, 937, 976, 1168, 1333, 1352, 1520, 1524, 1546, 1550, 1574, 1580, 1590, 1599, 1607, 1622, 1706, 1752, 1768, 1769, 1780, 1781, 1799, 1803, 1811, 1851, 1856, 1867, 1872, 1875, 1884, 1919, 1923, 1939, 1975, 2024, 2045, 2060, 2071, 2118, 2119, 2128, 2135, 2177, 2181, 2184, 2185, 2190, 2193, 2232, 2239, 2283, 2311, 2314, 2338, 2378, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2398, 2460, 2490, 2505, 2514, 2540, 2542, 2597, 2607, 2640, 2657, 2669, 2670, 2674, 2679, 2684, 2707, 2724, 2757, 2776, 2804, 2818, 2906, 2959, 2964, 2968, 2976, 2980, 2987, 3010, 3043, 3047, 3050, 3071, 3072, 3092, 3095, 3097, 3140, 3157, 3173, 3187, 3203, 3210, 3212, 3220, 3236, 3249, 3264, 3284, 3288, 3305, 3309, 3318, 3330, 3331, and 3335.
- 5. The library of claim 1, wherein the library comprises a polynucleotide corresponding to a gene differentially expressed in normal colon tissue relative to colon cancer tissue, wherein the expression is greater in the cancer tissue, and wherein the sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:7, 164, 734, 836, 928, 965, 987, 1026, 1044, 1119, 1226, 1227, 1251, 1316, 1429, 1442, 1540, 1553, 1560, 1577, 1588, 1610, 1620, 1626, 1673, 2416, 2749, 2976, 3129 and 3132.
- 6. The library of claim 1, wherein the library comprises a polynucleotide corresponding to a gene differentially expressed in normal colon tissue relative to colon cancer tissue, wherein the expression is greater in normal tissue than

cancer tissue, and wherein the sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:105, 198, 465, 489, 745, 859, 976, 1011, 1045, 1138, 1226, 1251, 1253, 1392, 1474, 1559, 1571, 1589, 1591, 1607, 1608, 1643, 1753, 1764, 1766, 1782, 1811, 2749, 2784, 2790, 2805, 2976, 3128, 3129, 3146, 3150, and 3151.

- 7. The library of claim 1, wherein the library comprises a polynucleotide corresponding to a gene differentially expressed in normal human prostate cells relative to human prostate cancer cells, wherein the expression is greater in normal cells than cancer cells, and wherein the sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:53, 446, 1410, 1754, 1801, 1845, 2060, 2143, 2632, 2899, and 3338.
- 8. The library of claim 1, wherein the library comprises a polynucleotide corresponding to a gene differentially expressed in normal human prostate cells relative to human prostate cancer cells, wherein the expression is greater in cancer cells than normal cells, and wherein the sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:86, 93, 687, 1269, 1581, 1647, 1649, 1710, 1717, 1772, 1960, 2987, 3128, 3132, 3150, 3222, and 3268.
- 9. An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence having at least 90% sequence identity to an identifying sequence of SEQ ID NOs:1-3351 or a degenerate variant or fragment thereof.
- 10. A recombinant host cell containing the polynucleotide of claim9.

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- 11. An isolated polypeptide encoded by the polynucleotide of claim
 - 12. An antibody that specifically binds a polypeptide of claim 11.
 - 13. A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 9.
- 14. A method of detecting differentially expressed genes correlated with a cancerous state of a mammalian cell, the method comprising the step of:

detecting at least one differentially expressed gene product in a test sample derived from a cell suspected of being cancerous, wherein the gene product is encoded by a gene corresponding to a sequence of at least one of SEQ ID NOs: 14, 137, 151, 152, 171, 200, 254, 262, 271, 348, 412, 472, 507, 520, 530, 588, 623, 637, 660, 678, 680, 700, 714, 774, 812, 834, 901, 937, 976, 1168, 1333, 1352, 1520, 1524, 1546, 1550, 1574, 1580, 1590, 1599, 1607, 1622, 1706, 1752, 1768, 1769, 1780, 1781, 1799,

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wherein detection of the differentially expressed gene product is correlated with a cancerous state of the cell from which the test sample was derived.

15. A method of detecting differentially expressed genes correlated with a cancerous state of a mammalian cell, the method comprising the step of:

detecting at least one differentially expressed gene product in a test sample derived from a cell suspected of being cancerous, wherein the gene product is encoded by a gene corresponding to a sequence of at least one of SEQ ID NOs:7, 164, 734, 836, 928, 965, 987, 1026, 1044, 1119, 1226, 1227, 1251, 1316, 1429, 1442, 1540, 1553, 1560, 1577, 1588, 1610, 1620, 1626, 1673, 1960, 2416, 2749, 2976, 2987, 3128, 3129, 3132, 3150, 3222, and 3268.

wherein detection of the differentially expressed gene product is correlated with a cancerous state of the cell from which the test sample was derived.